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NONFERROUS METALS DECONTROLLED

EXPORT QUOTAS REMOVED -- Lidova Demokracie, No 188, 13 Aug 49

The Office for International Trade has announced that, effective immediately, quantitative restrictions in export quotas for copper scrap have been removed. For the fourth quarter of 1949, export quotas for refined copper, lead, lead solder, domestic zinc, and bearing metal will also be abolished. Applications for export permits in the fourth quarter for other nonferrous metals will be accepted by the Office for International Trade beginning 1 September. This decision was motivated by the improved supply situation on the markets in respect to the majority of nonferrous metals. Among nonferrous metals to which export quotas will apply in the last quarter will be tin, with a quota of 42 tons, and cadmium, with a quota of 100 tons.

FOREIGN TRADE SETS RECORD -- Lud, No 167, 20 Jul 49

During the first half of 1949, goods worth 20,659,000,000 crowns were exported from Czechoslovakia. Imports for the first half of 1949 totalled 20,285,000,000 crowns. Thus the total foreign trade for the first 6 months of this year set a record of over 40 billion crowns.

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